Implementation of the Recommendations of J.P.C. on Fertilizers

2875. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) how many of the recommendations of Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) on Fertilizers have been implemented so far; and

(b) the reasons for not implementing the remaining recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) The recommendations of Joint Parliamentary Committee on Fertilizer Pricing pertain to the Department of Agriculture and Co-operation, Department of Fertilizers, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Ministry of Coal, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Mines and Ministry of Non-conventional Energy Sources. Most of the recommendations have been implemented/are in the process of implementation. Only a few recommendations have not been implemented due to techno-economic constraints.

डी.ए.पी. उर्वरकों पर राजसहायता

2876. **श्री जनार्दन यादव** : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार डी. ए. पी. उर्वरकों पर और अधिक राजसहायता प्रदान करने का विचार रखती है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो कितनी ; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

कृषि मंत्रालय राज्य में मंत्री (श्री अरविंद नेताम) : (क) से (ग) किसानों को नियंत्रण सहित फास्फेट-युक्त और पोटास-युक्त उर्वरकों को रियायती बिक्री की योजना के अंतर्गत स्वदेशी डी. ए. पी. पर 1000/ रुपये प्रति टन की रियायत दी जा रही है । इसमें वृद्धि करने का कोई निर्णय नहीं लिया गया है ।

Consumption of Kesri Dal

2877. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that consumption of Kesri Dal has proved disastrous to a large number of consumers in many ways;

(b) whether Government are considering to ban its cultivation altogether rather than banning its use; and

(c) if so, by when such a decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) It is a fact that consumption of Kesri Dal is harmful and causes lathyrism (paralysis of lower limbs) in human beings.

(b) and (c) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government.

Priority to the growth of petro-chemical Industry

2878. SHRI GOPAL SINGH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether high priority is being accorded by Government for the growth of petrochemical industry in the country particularly in Gujarat;

(b) whether any long term plan has been drawn in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) The Petrochemical industry has now, by and large, been delicensed. The industry in India including in Gujarat is spread over the organised, small and tiny sectors. A large number of petrochemical items has been

included in the list of high priority industries to facilitate expeditious approval from the Government. The Central Government has accorded approvals to various mega size petrochemical projects in the recent past- the important among them, being set up in Gujarat, are given in the statement.

Statement

S.No.	Name of the Company	Item of manufacture
1	Reliance Industries Ltd	Natural Gas Liquid/Naphtha Cracker, Poly Vinyl Chloride, High Density Poly Ethylene, Linear Low Density Poly Ethylene Mono Ethylene Glycol etc.
2	Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Ltd. .	Naphtha Cracker, Benzene, Poly Vinyl Chloride, Low Density Poly Ethylene, etc
3	J.K. Aromatics	P-Xylene, O-Xylene, Benzene
4	Modern Denim	Do.
5	Garden Silk Mills	Micro Filament Yarn
6	Satidham Industries	Do.

Shortage of Urea

2879. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS be pleased to state:

(a) the assessed shortage of Urea and whether it shall be made available in this rabi season; and

(b) what steps Government have taken to cope up with this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRA) (a) and (b) The availability of Urea in the country with reference to the allocations made under the Essential Commodities Act (ECA), 1955 is quite adequate. By 15.3.1995, 94 per cent of the ECA allocations for the current Rabi season had been fulfilled and the balance allocation will be made available by the end of the crop season.

Reservation of same drugs in the public Sector

2880. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state the reasons as to why Government in the light of new drug policy is still stubborn over reserving some items for the Public Sector Undertakings particularly when most of them have been declared sick and these items are also produced by private producers and perhaps at lesser cost?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): Five drugs have been kept reserved for manufacture by public sector units as their present manufacturing capacity is adequate to meet the country's demand for these drugs and taking into account the heavy public investments that have been made. The policy announcement of 15.9.94 also stipulates that the position will be reviewed after a period of three years.

रासायनिक उर्वरकों का आयात

2881. **श्री राघवजी:** क्या रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले तीन वर्षों में से प्रत्येक वर्ष में कितनी रासायनिक खाद का आयात किया गया है और इस पर कितनी धनराशि खर्च हुई;